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For: <u>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING PAPER</u>)	January 5, 2005
<u>MODELS OVER A WIDE AREA COMPUTER</u>)	750 B STREET, Suite 3120
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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 131

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Lon S. Safko, declare as follows:

I am the original and sole inventor of the invention claimed in the above-captioned application.

In support, enclosed are three pages of "Synergy Icons" draft stock circular, namely, the cover page indicating that the circular was written in August 1999, page 4, showing conception and averring to the fact that as of the date of the circular the invention had been "developed and tested", and page 12, further demonstrating conception. I note that page 4 states that "the company has had their approval for their patent pending", which was an imprecise assertion that the process of obtaining patent counsel and moving forward with the patenting process had been approved, not that a patent had actually been applied for as of the date of the circular. Most of the circular has been omitted, containing, as it does, proprietary financial information that is not relevant to the resent declaration.

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As evidenced by the enclosed "Synergy Icons" draft stock circular dated August, 1999, I conceived of and reduced to practice the present invention at least prior to October 1999. Specifically, using the limitations of Claim 1 as an example and referring to the enclosed document, both pages 4 and 12 discuss a method for providing paper models ("models are printed from an individual printer", signifying print on paper) that includes providing, on an Internet site, at least one model page and permitting the user to access the model page ("models...are downloaded from the internet"). The method disclosed in the enclosed pages also includes permitting the user to print at least one data file from the model page (id.), with the data file being useful for causing a computer printer to print a substrate having model indicia thereon, wherein the model indicia is useful for configuring the substrate into a paper model ("models...are assembled into three dimensional models in 30 to 90 minutes with only scissors and glue").

I further declare that as a matter of first hand knowledge and as indicated on page 4, I personally loaded model files onto an Internet site, downloaded them, and used the indicia on the paper substrate to render them into 3D shapes, at least as early as August 1999.

I declare that all the acts referred to above occurred in the U.S.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United State Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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